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(Continued.) "There wont be any smooth out this time," the clerk smiled knowingly. "Howard's had enough on all sides. Hillhouse won't give him any show here in town, and his father won't out He's going west to grow up with the country. He's got his eye on some new, booming town in Texas. He

with us, ain't you?" Abner wrote Ms name on the regis-

Later Howard Tinsley arrived and told of his resolve to leave town. That evening at dusk as Howard

was passing the big parlor of the hotel on his way to his room to dress for the dance the young people had arranged in his and Miss Cora Langham's honor he met that young lady strolling toward the long veranda which overlooked the main street.

"It is very kind of the boys to do this, isn't it?" she said in her soft, mel-"Oh, they are so nice! 1 love them all. My society friends in Atlanta wonder how I can have such good time here in the summer. You see, they want to go to New York or Atlantic City. They would die or be disgraced in their own estimation if they didn't get to those places once a year, but as for me-well, when the summer rolls around I am simply fam-ished for old Darley." Miss Langham was visiting friends.

"I think I understand," he smiled. You think you do?" She raised her long lashes and gazed at him with a pained expression. "You are going to say something mean again, and right now when you are going away too."

Why, you are a natural woman, he laughed. "You have had the admiration of men all your life. You have fed upon it as a regular diet till it has become almost the chief part of your existence. Down in Atlanta, however, your field is not quite so novel."
"My field?" she sniffed. "I don't like

"It is all right," he laughed teasingly. "Down there the young men are busier, as a class, and there are other girls in your set, I am sure, who like admiration, and they keep playing the gama. But here there is only one of your particular kind. You have charm-ed this whole rural bunch, old and young, married and unmarried, and on enjoy it, that's all. You would not be true to your type if you did not en-

"Howard." She put her hand on his "Howard, do you know you are the only man who ever dared to speak to me like this? I wish I could get angry with you, but I can't."

"That's because I am sincere an what I say, and you know it. I neard you say once quits frankly that fully thirty different men had proposed to you. I don't doubt if and that fully fifty have been in love with you. I feel your charm myself. It fairly sweeps me off my feet at times, and I have to clutch at something. There is only one straw, and I grab it."

A flush of delight suffused her face. She was fairly off her guard. "What is that straw, pray?" she asked.

Why, the fact that my best judg-ent tells me you are not for me. I simply refuse to fall into the masculf heap your dainty feet have kicked aside. You are the most delicious creature I ever met. There are mo-ments in which I let my imagination fally sweep me sway with the fancy that we love each other, but I hold my-

Her face hardened a little under our perplexity. "You will write to me when you get located in the west,

"As an old frical, perhaps, yes," he ensweed firmly, "but not as one of the scrap heap. Our ways really are wide apart. I am going to try to make a living. You will continue, supported by your father's money, to break hearts

to the end." She put her hand on his arm, and they walked through the as yet unlighted corridor toward the veranda on the opposite side of the building. Howard, you have no idea how much I like you. I think I like you more than any one I ever met. I am not sure, but I think so." CHAPTER IL

Abner's Decision. OWARD and Gora had reache the veranda in the rear and were quite alone and unobserved. Obeying a sudden impulse, he took her face between his two hands. His fine eyes were full of passion as he raised her lips toward his. idenly he paused, dropped his hands, and his lips grew firm, his jaw "I shall not kiss you," he said bluntly. "Other men have kissed you. You admitted it once, and you had no idea how it stabbed my dream to the core. If I were to kiss you, Cora, I'd

never leave you." Suddenly she put her arms about his neck. "You've got to," she said, rais-

ing her face to his. To Firmly he caught her hands and drew them down and held them. "You are a filrt," he said bitterly. "You don't like the word, but that is what you are. I know I could love you, body, heart and sou!, but I won't let myself do it. You are rich, while I have scarcely a doilar to my name. I haven't even a position in which to a common servant for some family like yours. I have heard that you refused | belly full o' prospectin' to try to better

to marry a very wealthy man. "Not only one, but several," she answered. "I didn't love them. They were not like you; Howard. You are strong, manly and proud. You have more pride than any man I ever met." "Let's talk of something else," he said, his face darkening, as he turned from her and stood at the balustrade. "Why?" she asked, drawing near to is a rising newspaper man; best judges him again, her appealing eyes fixed on say so. You are going to take dinner

"Because it is doing neither of us a bit of good," he replied firmly. "You would never let yourself care deeply for a man like me even if you had the inclination. All you people with money are bound down to money and all that goes with it. The poor young man who marries an heiress these days is a born fool-that is, if he meets an heiress fool enough to marry him. The woman of that sort is not born who will not sooner or later throw it in his teeth."

That night after the dance was over Cora went up to her room. Her mother, in the adjoining chamber, heard her and came in and sat down. She wore a light blue dressing gown and was a blond who quite resembled her daughter in features and physique.

"I thought you all would never get through down there," she said wearily. "I wish I could get out of the habit of lying awake till you come in. Well, did you have a good time?"

"Yes," Cora said, slowly, without looking at her mother, and beginning to take down her abundant hair. "I don't believe it," Mrs. Langham I had rotten luck from the start." said firmly. "I don't believe it be-

cause you are down in the mouth as you have been for the last week. What is the matter with you?"
"Nothing." Cora's tone was sharp and full of irritation. "Nothing,

thing wrong, and I think I know what saw no way out of it. it is. You have allowed yourself to get interested in Howard Tinsley. You know well enough that he is out of the question. You are sentimental, as I used to be, but you have too much common sense to think of marrying such a man. Still, that is all the more reason for you to imagine you care for him. Cors, I want to know one thing, and I want to know it before I go to

"What is it, mother?" Cora sighed as she met her mother's stare. "I want to know if Howard Tinsley really is going away?"

"Yes, the day after tomorrow." "Absolutely."

"Has he had the cheek to ask youhave you engaged yourself to him?" "No, mother; he has never made any proposal. We may not even correspond. He is not an ordinary man. He is different from all the rest. Oh, don't talk to me any more tonight. I'm tired.

don't know what I am saying."

"Well," Mrs. Langham replied sharply, "I'm gfad he's going. You are in dangerous mood. I've known girls to make themselves miserable over such things. I promised your father to watch over you carefully, and here in this poky, sleepy town you are on the verge of making a goose of yourself. You are like most other girlsyou want what is out of your reach. You know you can't marry that mountain boy, and for that very reason you think you love him. Yes, I certainly shall be glad when he is gone. Surely

you will come to your senses then." Alone before her mirror Cora finished undressing. She blew out her light and lay down on the big, cool bed before a wide open window. "I wonder," she mused, "if I do love him? I don't know, and yet and

After breakfast the next day Howard sauntered out on the street and looked about him. Several white hooded wagons from the mountains were standing near to the sidewalk, their owners passing from store to store with samples of produce. Clerks were weeping out the stores and displaying their wares. It was a busy, attractive scene. With a fresh pang at heart Howard realized that there was only one other day before him and all this would be out of his life. In a group of farmers and clerks in front of Tarp's widely advertised "emporium" he noticed a tall, brawny farmer shaking hands with everybody that passed. It was Pole Baker, who, with a valise in hand, had just alighted from the south bound train. He had aughing brown eyes, a great shock of stiff chestnut hair and a bushy mustache. Seeing Howard, he came to him with his bronzed hand extended cordially. "How are you, Howard, old boy?" he said, "Didn't look for me home so quick, did you-after our long talks about Texas? Here I am back on the old stompin' ground, an' they tell me, by gum, that you are jest gettin' rendy to go."

"You have come back after your wife and children, I suppose," Howard said. "Have you selected a location?"
"Have I?" Baker wiped his facil Baker wiped his facile lips with his big hand and smiled and winked. "I was tellin' these fellers I had to let myself down easy, but I hain't a-goin' to lie to you, Howard. Do you know what I'm a-goin' to do, my friend? I'm goin' to settle down earn a bore living. Out west I shall over that in their more an' hog an' hominy like a white more an' start, anyway. I may have to work as a free, God fearin' citizen of America to the end o' my days. I've had my

my condition. "I've come to the conclusion that a body can't improve his condition by draggin' it across a continent. I reckon I acted sorter bullheaded. My second wife-you know her-well, she was born an' brought up in this country, an' she was agin goin' to Texas tooth an' nail. We had it up an' down, me an' her did. Every night after we'd git the children in bed we'd set out in front o' the house an' jower,



jower, jower. She's five year older'n I am an' got a head like a horse. It's

"I shan't tell you all I think about her," Mary answered.

the longest one the Lord ever made from the chin to the little knot she wears on top, an' I begin to think it's got sense in it. She contended that Texas wasn't a bit better fer a man with a wife an' whole raft o' children than this section. Well, that went on till she finally agreed to let me go see what it was like. I had a mule an' a ticket. Then I bought a new suit o' clothes-this un I got on-from Tarp in thar on a credit an' started off, an'

When Baker left him Howard's morbid discomfiture increased. The man's account had quite completed his distllusionment over his project. His better judgment told him that he had been decision in anger, and yet he had too The older woman rose and stood at much pride to admit his error. He did her daughter's side. "There is some not want to leave home now, but he On the corner of the street he sud-

denly met Mary Trumbley. She flushed slightly, dropped her eyes and then smiled sweetly. "Early for me to get in, isn't it?"

ome things to buy for mother." He took her hand and experienced a certain reluctance to releasing it. She had often comforted him in trouble, and he yearned now to open his heart to the boundless sympathy he knew

she would have for him. along with her. "I thought you were

to be there." "Mr. Tarp asked me, but I was too tired to go," she said. "I had worked mother. At the last minute I sent him word not to come for me. I was com- Phillipines. pletely fagged out. The ride would thought it was intended wholly for that Atlanta girl."

"Whom you never liked," he smiled significantly. "I hardly know her." Mary averted

en—that she liked only men. I am not finding fault, but I can't get on with a girl who talks like that. She had an eye for everything I had on and seemed to me to be sneering at my poor clothes."

stand one another. Cora Langham is that she may misjudge you also."

"I shan't tell you ail I think about her," Mary answered. "It would do to good, anyway, since you are going

"I know you think she is a flirt," Howard returned half tentatively. You hinted at something of the sort when she first came to Darley."

Mary shrugged her shoulders, and her lip curled slightly. "Why are we always discussing her?" she demanded coldly. "Is there nothing else for us to talk about the day before you leave? You are comina out to see your mother before you go, aren't you, Howard?"

to part with him in anger if I can help it."

rising tears. "After all, he is your fa-board about 1,700 men mostly Vic ther and cannot help feeling as he torians. A small number of New than ours, Howard."

merry, active air. Seeing the two stokers. touch of awkwardness.

profum, Pa., were killed, and two other persons in a nearby building made inconscious by escaping sewer gas.

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PORTO RICO IS SEEKING RIGHT TO CAST VOTES

Citizenship Foremost Ques-

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 3-Whether Porto Ricans are to be suc- quickly and successfully, but a conessful this year in getting the United States Congress to admit them to American citizen ship is the question appermost in the minds of most Porto ance of the troops. Two boat-loads, Ricans at present. Although citizenzenship has been promised since the days of the Spanish-American war and American occupation, 17 years ago, each Congress since that time has failed to pass the necessary laws. The islanders are now hopeful that the first Democratic administration since 1898 will act favorably and give them a definite political status. At present Porto Ricans are merely "offizens of Porto Rico."

In the hope that favorable legislation may be obtained, Governor Arthur Yager will spend the month of January in Washington urging Congress to act. A bill providing a new Organic Act to take the place of the temporary Foraker Act, which went into force in 1901 establishing civil government and which has been in force ever since, have already been inroduced in Congress by Chairman Jones of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, and by Senator Willard Saulsbury, of Delaware.

"The new Organic Act should grant to the people of Porto Rico collective citizenship in the United States," said Governor Yager before sailing. know of no simple gift that would go so far toward removing dissatisfaction and difficulty in Porto Rico as this simple grant of citizenship, and none that would be attended with so little cost and risk.

People speak of citizenship as 'privilege.' To my mind it is not 'privilege.' To my mind it is not a privilege at all, but a right. It is the necessary element of sovereignty and should go with the flag. The people of horse both, an' I sold the mule for Porto Rico must obey all the laws of enough to buy a round trip prospector's the United States, pay taxes, are liable to military services, and yet they are not citizens.

"Citizenship does not at all imply suffrage or the power to vote for any officer of the government or snything else. In the United States there are now many more citizens who have not the privilege of the suffrage than those who have. The people of the District of Columbia never have had wrong in making such an important the privilege to vote for anybody or anything and yet they are citizens Most of the negroes of the South, the minors of both sexes, and as yet an immense majority of the women of the country are not permitted to vote and yet no one would think of excluding these classes from the rights of elfizenship."

The chief features of the bills to be onsidered by Congress, it is expected here, will provide both for blanket she asked. "Uncle Ab was coming and citizenship and a greater degree of home rule. The most important home brought me along in his buggy. I have rule feature is the provision for an elective Senate of 19 members. The present lower house of the legislature is already elected, while the present upper house or Senate is composed of 11 members, all of whom are appointed by the President of the United "I looked for you at the dance last States, and six of whom are heads of night," he said, turning and walking executive departments of the Insular

Those most interested in the pas sage of a new Organic Act for Porto Rico have been much encouraged by the President's message to Congress, hard all day making a dress for my in which he recommended new legis lation for both Porto Rico and the

At the same time Porto Ricans point have finished me. I could not have out that reference to legislation for danced a step. I did not know till them is so closely associated with that today that it was given partly in your urged for the Phillipines that they honor or else I should have come. I fear the two may become confused and that in the fight which they expect will develop over defining a policy for Phillipines independence Porto Rico may again be disappointed.

Here in the island it is said that all difficulties which heretofore have de-

her eyes. Her tone was cold and her veloped over legislation by Congress pretty lips were set sensitively. "The in behalf of Porto Rico have been day I dined with you at the hotel I cleared away. The most important heard her say she had no use for wom- single step which has been taken recently was the adoption of a new platform by the Unionist party, the majority party in the island, renouncing its independence platform and confining itself to a policy of home rule. Almost invariably in the past when legislation for the island has "Oh, you girls, you girls!" Howard been under consideration at Wash-laughed. "You don't want to under-ington and Congress seemed about ready to grant American citizenship not a bit like that, and I've no doubt to the people of the island, long protests were forwarded to Washington setting forth objections to any legislation that did not provide for the ultimate independence of the island. It is admitted here that these protests have to a very large measure caused Congress to delay any definite action.

Australian Public Gets Details About Southland Sinking

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 1.-Ar absolute censorship upon the subject having just been lifted, the Austra-lian public is now for the first time "Yes; oh, yes," he said, with a frown, acquainted with the details of the "and my father too. I am not going torpedoing of the transport Southland (which was formerly the Red Star Line's Vaderland) in the Aegean Sea by a German submarine while "Oh, I'm so glad to hear you say bound from Egypt to Lemnos early that." Mary's eyes shone as if from in September. The Southland had on does. He belongs to an earlier age Zealand troops were also being car-than ours. Howard." They were now at the door of Tarp's staff of Victoria were on the vessel lively establishment. The young pro-prietor, a man of medium height and died of shock and exposure. Although COURT OF PROBATE, weight, was directing two clerks in arthe Southland was badly damaged she DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT ranging great stacks of dress goods on kept affoat and was worked to Muthe sidewalks. He was partly bald, dros partly by the aid of soldiers wore a brown mustache and had a who had volunteered to assist the

friends, he greeted them smilingly, der of the day issued by General trict of Bridgeport, hath limited and shaking hands with Mary with a slight Headquarters regarding the torpedo- allowed six months from the date. Following is a copy of a special oring of the Southland.

ers. The facts, he said, he feels, are que best left to speal for themselves. The Southland was struck by a torpedo from an enemy submarine at 9:45 a. m. on Sept. 2, being then south of Mudros Bay. A second torpedo just

passed astern of the transport a few

"Almost immediately after the explosion the ship listed noticeably to starboard, and also by the head. Both the foreholds were soon awash above the level of the upper troop deck. The troops on board, the 21st Battalion and one company of the 23rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, were just about to parade. They fell in just as for ordinary drill, and awaited for orders to be passed from itizenship Foremost Question on Island Today and Freedom is Soon Expected When Suffrage is Granted When Suffrage is Granted believed to be a sinking ship. The first boats on the davits were lowered siderable delay took place before the boats on board could be got to the daylts and lowered, with the assistwith Colonel Linton and six of the Infantry Brigade Staff, were capsized, in spite of all precatutions.
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